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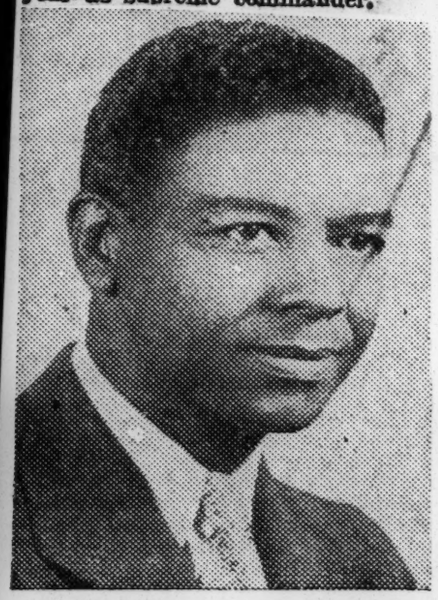
American Woodmen.

Reelected Woodmen Officials

LAWRENCE H. LIGHTNER

Reelected supreme commander of the supreme camp of the American Woodmen at the ninth quadrennial session held in Denver last week. Mr. Lightner is beginning his second quadrennial term, or his fifth year as supreme commander.



BENJAMIN H. GRAHAM

Reelected supreme clerk of the supreme camp of the American Woodmen at the Denver meeting. Mr. Graham, whose home is in Denver, has served as supreme clerk since 1933 when he was elected to succeed Lawrence Lightner.

COMMANDER BEGINS HIS SECOND TERM

Other Woodmen Officers Reelected for New Quadrennial

DENVER. — (ANP) — Lawrence H. Lightner, supreme commander of the American Woodmen was reelected to serve his second quadrennial term at the ninth quadrennial session of the fraternal order held here last week.

Four hundred and fifty delegates from 25 states and the District of Columbia attended the sessions.

Other supreme officers reelected were: J. E. Robinson, vice supreme commander, Houston; B. H. Graham, supreme clerk, Denver; E. J. Carrington, supreme auditor, Denver; H. L. Billups, supreme commander emeritus, St. Louis; G. W. Norman, banker, Austin, Texas; Dr. T. T. McKinney, supreme physician, Denver; E. R. Sams, supreme sentry, Pittsburg and H. P. McAllister, supreme watchman, Cleveland.

First Elected in 1933

Mr. Lightner was elected supreme commander at the 1933 quadrennial convention, after serving 20 years as supreme clerk.

He is beginning his second term, or his fifth year as supreme commander.

The memorial services were held Sunday at the Scott Methodist Episcopal church with Earl R. Sams of Pittsburg, presiding. To an audience that packed every inch of available space President J. W. Haywood, of Morristown college, Morristown, Tenn., dnivered the quadrennial memorial address. President Haywood is also prelate of the supreme camp of the American Woodmen.

Hold Memorial Service

Dr. T. T. McKinney, supreme physician, read a statement explaining that the unveiling cermonies of the monument commemorating the memory of C. M. White, would not, as announced, be conducted at the cemetery on account of regulations prohibiting such occasions in the cemetery on Sunday.

The Woodmen Male choral club rendered appropriate music.

At the welcoming exercises on Monday evening, Mayor Benamin F. Stapleton on behalf of the city of Denver and Dr. Robert Forney, representing the governor on behalf of the state of Colorado delivered welcome addresses to the delegates and visitors, many being turned away from the over-crowded Scott Methodist church.

M. S. Stuart Responds

The reponse was made by M. S. Stuart of Memphis, who declared: "The race to which I belong has earned the right to be made welcome anywhere in America; and after 245 years on a 100% slavery and 72 years of a low per cent freedom, we are tired of slipping around on the outskirts of privilege, on the fringes of opportunity, dignifying jobs formerly spurned by others only to have them taken away from us as soon as we make them desireable."

Many of the delegates rose to their feet in demonstrations of applause in recognition of Stuart's tribute to Lawrence H. Lightner, the supreme commander.

L. H. Lightner, supreme commander, read his report Tuesday morning. Appearing for that purpose he was greeted with ovation after ovation. His report showed improvement and progress during the four year period.

As of June 30, 1937, the total assets of the Society amounted to $2,951,530.37 and the total receipts for the four year period amount to $2,182,134.56.

The voting strength of the convention was 310, divided among the states as follows: Alabama, 11; Arkansas,4; California, 9; Colorado, 5; District of Columbia, 3; Florida, 19; Georgia, 7; Illinois, 11; Indiana, 2; Kentucky, 3; Louisiana, 4; Michigan, 7; Missouri, 7; New Jersey, 6; Ohio, 15; Oklahoma, 9; Pennsylvania, 24; South Carolina, 2; Tennessee. 5; Texas, 109.

Falton Orchestra. The Rainbow Ball Room was the scene of the promenade, Friday evening the 13, and hundreds motored through the National Forests in an outing, the 14th. The three special trains loaded with happy but tired Woodmen, departed Saturday evening, August 14.

AMERICAN WOODMEN CLOSE CONVENTION

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 19—A very harmonious session of The American Woodmen Convention closed here Friday, August 13 with the reelection of most of their officers. By unanimous vote, Hon. L. H. Lightner was elected to succeed himself. Others returned to office were: E. G. Robinson, vice Supreme Commander; Benjamin H. Graham, Supreme Clerk; G. W. Norman, Supreme Banker; E. E. Carrington, Supreme Auditor; Dr. T. T. McKinney, Supreme Physician; J. P. McAllister, Supreme Prelate; Mrs. R. J. Hargret had the distinction of being the first woman to ever be elected to the office of Supreme Sentry.

Bands from Ft. Worth and Waco, Texas, were in attendance, while the Woodmen Male Chorus and mixed Orchestra of Denver added much to the entertainment of the delegates. Dr. and Mrs. T. T. McKinney entertained the delegates and their friends on the spacious lawn of their beautiful home where representatives from 28 states enjoyed the music of Hi

LIGHTNER NAMED FOR SECOND TERM AS SUPREME COMMANDER AT WOODMEN MEETING, DENVER

Records Show Huge Surplus on Hand To Pay Claims

Delegates Throng New Oklahoma Office Building

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 19.—The American Woodmen, the largest and most prosperous of colored fraternal insurance societies, closed its ninth quadrennial session here Wednesday, August 14, with a motor bus ride and sightseeing tour in the mountains for the three hundred and ten delegates and one hundred visitors and members.

L. H. Lightner was re-elected supreme commander by acclamation for his second term of four years. Four years ago he was elected for his first term after having served for more than 20 years as supreme clerk. Admittedly it is due to his thorough going business methods and clerical efficiency that the financial condition of the society is so outstandingly good and that the progress of the order was not materially hindered by the depression.

J. E. Robinson, vice supreme commander, Houston, Texas; B. H. Graham, supreme clerk, Denver; G. W. Norman, supreme banker, Austin, Texas; E. E. Carrington, supreme auditor, Detroit, Mich.; and Dr. T. T. McKinney, supreme physician, Denver; all salaried officers, were re-elected without opposition.

Earl R. Sams was re-elected to the position of supreme escort over J. H. Allen of Texarkana, and H. P. McAllister of Cleveland, Ohio, supreme watchman; Rosa F. Hargrett of Newark, N. J., supreme sentry, were elected by rising vote after opposing candidates withdrew in their favors.

Dr. G. M. Munchus, member of the Supreme Council at large, and the Rev. J. W. Haywood, supreme prelate, were elected by acclamation.

On Monday evening at the Scott Methodist church, before an audience that jammed every inch of space, the delegates were welcomed to the state and the city by Dr. Robert Forney, representing Gov. Teller Ammons, and by Mayor Benjamin H. Stapleton. The response by M. S. Stuart, delegate of Memphis, Tenn., is generally acclaimed as one of the outstanding features of the week of events connected with this meeting.

His touching plea that his race be accorded a real welcome to the benefits of the laws and advantages of the land everywhere thrilled and aroused the immense audience repeatedly to heights of applause and enthusiasm.

Mayor Stapleton, pressed by urgent business, arose to leave as Stuart commenced to speak, but caught by the speaker's opening sentence, he was held spellbound at the exit during the thirty minutes of easy flowing eloquence.

The annual address and report of L. H. Lightner, supreme commander, is hailed by the delegates as a front rank document of its kind. It reflected a highly prosperous condition of the order and contained many recommendations for the improvement of the institution.

Important among these is a provision by which the traveling expenses and per diem of delegates to the quadrennial meetings will hereafter be borne by the supreme camp instead of the local camp.

The report of the auditing committee showed that the society has more than $400,000 cash on hand and in excess of thirty-nine thousand members. The market value of real estate owned is $972,838. The book value of bonds is $827,732, an increase of $119,955 more than the book value and there has been no default in any issue during the period reported.

The reserve fund for the assurance of future payments of policy benefits is more than One Half Million Dollars.

Perhaps the most remarkable concrete evidence of the financial genius of the Supreme Commander and his cabinet is the fact that a beautiful home office building at 2130 Downing street, has been secured and equipped without encumbrance at a cost of not more than $15,000. This office is the most competently and economically operated of any place office of its kind.

Pageant of Progress

On Thursday night at the East Denver highschool building, under the direction of Mrs. M. I. Morgan, supreme national juvenile counsellor, a pageant depicting the development and progress of the order through the years since its organization in 1901, was staged in colorful and thrilling display of the employee and official personnel and the various departments of the institution. More than two hundred and fifty performers participated in the various scenes, drills, maneuvers and climaxing pantomine.

An audience of two thousand persons crowded the spacious auditorium and sat through two and one-half hours of kalaidoscopic variety of shifting scenes, handled with matchless skill and precision by the dynamic directress.

On Friday night, the delegates and visitors were entertained first by an installation banquet at the Glenarm Branch of the Y. M. C. A., followed by a grand promenade and dance at the Rainbow Ballroom where more than five hundred persons in brilliant color and charm enjoyed themselves into the wee hours to the rythmic melody of entrancing music.

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Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa.

Crittenden E. Clark Is Elected By A. U. K.

The National Grand Council Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa concluded a three-day annual session at the A. U. K. hall Wednesday with election of officers.

CLARK

Officers elected were Crittenden E. Clark, National Grand Master; Mrs. Eliza Jackson, Deputy Grand Master and Accountant; Mrs. Ozella H. Porterfield, National Secretary-Treasurer; Rev. Lincoln Johnson, National Chaplain; Mrs. Josephine Hetzel, National Grand Right Maid of Honor; Mrs. Violette Hill, National Grand Left Maid of Honor; E. L. Westbrooks, National Grand Guard; W. A. Polk, Asst. National Grand Guard; Mrs. Mary W. Galloway, State Grand Queen of Mo.; Mrs. Mary W. Smith, State Grand Queen of Ill.; Mrs. Lillian Miller, State Grand Queen of Ind.; Mrs. Catherine Owens, State Grand Queen of Ala.

AUK & D OF A TO CONVENE IN DAYTON SUN.

7 Day Meet Expected To Outshine All Others

DAYTON, Ohio, July 30—The Supreme Grand Council of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa, Inc., will convene August 1 to 7, inclusive. Mrs. Leona C. Taylor, supreme grand queen, has completed all arrangements for the grand session and encampment. The meetings of the session will be held at Bethel Baptist church on Summit street and Home avenue, Rev. Isom, pastor.

The encampment will be at the Taborian home on Summit street.

The session will open with a mass meeting of all delegates and members of the uniform department. Monday evening the grand reception will be held for delegates and visitors, at which the mayor of Dayton will welcome A.U.K. and D. of A. to the city. Also a representative of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Dayton will welcome the delegates.

Tuesday evening Dayton will witness one of the most colorful Mardi Gras parades in its history when the military department parades out in its colors and with its bands. Friday at sund down there will be the annual parade of all members, delegates, members of the military department and visiting bands.

General arrangements committee, Leona C. Taylor, supreme grand queen; James Robinson, assistant general chairman; Major General John R. Fowler, supreme grand military department; Captain McCain, head of second regiment of Ohio; General James W. Jones, military instructor; Garfield Jones, head of amusements, and Mayme Alexander, supreme grand secretary and treasurer.

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Court of Calantheans.

Calantheans To Celebrate Golden Jubilee

To Put On Drive To Double The Membership of The Body

At the closing session of the 27th Biennial Session of the Supreme Court, Order of Calanthe, yesterday, the [illegible] adopted a resolution presented by Miss Arsania M. Williams, to celebrate their Golden Jubilee during the ensuing biennial with a "Double the Membership Drive."

Hold Election

The various reports were received and practically the same officers were reelected. Detroit was chosen as next place of meeting.

Seventy-five outstanding visitors from eighteen states, among them were: Mesdames Mattie Gray, Detroit; Mary Wallace, Detroit; Lena L. Holmes, Mich.; Josephine Truehe:rt, K. C., Mo.; Marie B. Stewart, Medalia, Mo.; Bell McGee, St. Joseph; Leah Tandy, K. C., Mo.; Douglass Cooper K. C., Mo.; Christine Suttington, K. C., Mo.; Carrie Halley, Estella Torrence, K. C.; Mary Tutt; Rosetta W. Gibson; Mildred Steimetz; Elizabeth S. Brown Windsor; Ruth Snow, Colo.; Ethel M Elsberry; Emma Jordan, Colo.

Texas: Rev. L. B. Kinchion, S. W. C.; Mrs. P. E. Davis, S. W. I.; P. A. Thompson; W. A. Kirk; F. A. Robinson; G. C. Harrison; V. A. Bradford; A. B Thomas; H. E. Williams; Miss Eleanor Thompson; Miss Katherine Green; Miss Edna Kinchion; Miss Mitchell.

New Jersey: Mesdames A. Brady, P. H. Walden, K. V. Jones Martha Walden; Willie Cagel Clara Lightfoot, Rena C. Young Lola M. Mack, Bluefield W. Va.; Cora E. Burke, Knoxville, Tenn.

California: Beatrice Sellers, L. Michigan: Mrs. Lena C. Hol- A. Brown, Annie Bozman, Martha Sheffield, S. L. Alexander Mildred Reece, Elizabeth Johnson Charlotte Johnson, Miss Muriel B. Sellers.

Massachusetts: Mrs. Catherine Manning, Mrs. Hayes.

Mississippi: Mrs. Donaldson Mrs. Clark.

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Ohio: Mrs. S. H. Knox.

New York: Rosa L. Blocker.

Illinois: Rose E. Hoard, Ethel Plummer.

Florida: Mrs. E. J. Collier, Mrs. F. A. Ponder.

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Elks.

Antlered Herd Moving On To Cleveland, O.

No Contest For The Position of Grand Exalted Ruler

CLEVELAND, Ohio—(ANP)—This lake city is ready for the 38th annual Grand Lodge session of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order Elks of the World which will convene here August 23 to 28.

Friday, August 20, the activities of the educational congress, sponsored by the Educational Department, William C. Hueston, director, will open the preliminaries. The congress was held in the East Tech High School, East 55th Street and Scovill Avenue.

GOVERNOR TO SPEAK

Sunday, August 22, in Mount Zion Congregational Temple, East 55th Street and Central Ave., the annual memorial services will be held at 8 p. m. On Monday, Aug. 23, in the same place at 2 p. m., the annual public meeting will be held when the governor of Ohio and the mayor of Cleveland will address the gathering. That night, in Shiloh Baptist Church, East 55th St., and Scovill Ave., at 8 o'clock, the annual oratorical contest will be heard. A feature of this national oratorical contest will be a nationwide radio broadcast beginning at 10:45 p. m.

The opening session of both the grand lodge and grand temple will occur as usual on the first Tuesday of the convention week. The sessions of the grand lodge will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church and that of the grand temple at Mt. Zion Congregational Temple.

Wednesday, August 25, will be Elks Field Day at the Great Lakes Exposition. Special fire works, a musical program, and a baseball game have been arranged.

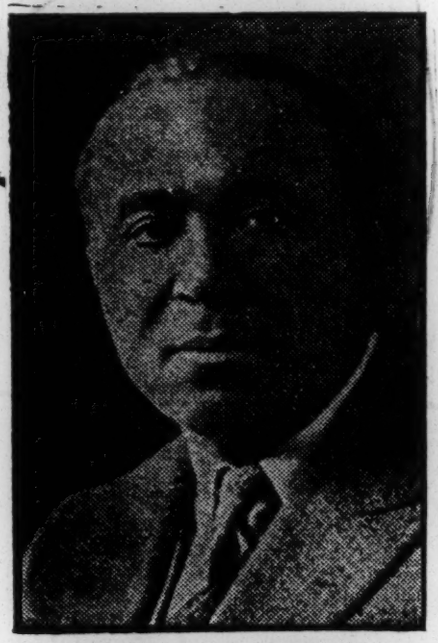
Thursday, August 26 at 2 p. m., in the afternoon the National Bathing Beauty contest has been scheduled with other athletic events.

ELECTION CONTESTS

Lawrence O. Payne, general chairman of the Cleveland Convention Committee, has announced that all information relative to housing, parade transportation, permits, concession and registration should be sent to the General Headquarters 2491 East 55th St. The Entertaining lodges are: King Tut, No. 389 and Spirit of Ohio No. 52; the entertaining temples are: Mary B. Tolbert 257, and Glenara No. 21.

This year, the grand exalted ruler does not come up for election. However the grand secretary, the grand treasurer and all other grand lodge officers must be re-elected annually. Since all is harmony in the Wilson administration, it is likely that the elections will consume very little of the convention's time. A scramble will be made for the office of Grand Trustee, three of whom will be elected at this session.

Dynamic Leader



HON. W. C. HUESTON

Commissioner Education of the Elks since '25, under whose guidance the sum of $145,000 has been raised by annual assessment, which enabled the Elks to grant 148 scholarships, 90 of the recipients of which have received degrees from accredited colleges. Judge Hueston also conducts the Elk oratorical contests, the subject being always The Constitution of the United States, and the idea being to make our youth "manhood rights-minded." A native of Lexington, Ky., Mr. Heuston received the LL. B. degree from the University of Kansas Law School in '04. He practiced in Missouri, before the U. S. Supreme Court, and in all the state courts of Indiana. He practiced in Kansas City from '05 to '20, then in '20 in Gary, Ind., and after four years, on September 1, 1924, was appointed magistrate in Gary by the oGvernor of the state. He was elected to the office by the people in '26 and served until '30, when he became Assistant Solicitor of the U. S. Post Office Department. His headquarters are at 1015 14th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

1938 CONCLAVE MARKS CHANGE IN ELK'S GOAL

By CHARLES T. MAGILL
Grand Lodge Reporter

After eleven years the writer s again in Cleveland covering a session of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, their 38th annual meeting. Then, as now we had the pleasure of contributing a convention story to Editor Porter.

The passage of eleven years finds many changes in Cleveland as well as in the Grand Lodge. J. Finley Wilson was exalted ruler then, stil is, and likely will be so long as he lives. But the moral tone of the order has changed greatly. Instead of the hilarious crowds of eleven years ago, one finds today in Cleveland attending this convention, members of the order determined to continue its elevation. Good times is not the predominate thought today. Rather, it is how the Elks, because of their numbers and the fact that they reach into all sections of the country, may help the race in its continuous struggle for advancement.

That the grand exalted ruler himself is laying down that principle was manifested when, in his annual report read Tuesday morning, he recommended that the order pass a law prohibiting women from patronizing the bars in the various Elk homes. Moreover, the members unanimously voted that there would be no smoking in the church where the sessions are now being held.

When, in 1926 the Elks met last in Cleveland, Tom Fleming was the convention chairman, and the visiting newspaper men, have always carried a warm spot in their hearts for the genial Tom in memory of the cordial manner in which he saw to it that they were treated. Today, we learn that Mr. Fleming lies very ill in a Cleveland hospital.

The famous band of Mi-Tee Monarch Lodge of New York was the talk of the town eleven years ago. The band stayed at home this time. And was noticibly missed during Tuesday's colorful parade. Fewer bands from the various lodges were in line, an indication that the lodges are husbanding their funds for the payment of legitimate claims rather than for ostentation.

Yet, ten thousand members of the order turned out for the parade, which many old timers said traveled the longest route that any Elk parade has ever covered at a Grand Lodge convention. The band of Imperial Lodge No. 127, led by its director, Prof. Ralph Redmond was the only New York band here. To them went first prize for the best band in line.

Early Elections

Another innovation. one which will be gladly welcomed by the delegates is the closing of all sessions daily at 2 p.m. Before the close of Wednesday's session, James E. Kelley of Birmingham, grand secretary, William C. Hueston of Washington, D. C., grand educational director and Judge Edward W. Henry of Philadelphia, grand treasurer had all been reelected. The report of the grand secretary showed the order to be in better condition, numerically as well as financially, than it has been in many years.

The Grand Temples had elected at Wednesday's adjournment Mrs. Abbie Johnson of, Philadelphia, grand daughter ruler; Buena Kelley of Norfolk, grand secretary and Mrs. Elizabeth Kimbough of Brooklyn. All of these elections were of previous officers.

Many Old Faces Missing

Few of the men who have served the station of grand exalted ruler and by virtue of that fact are entitled to attend any Grand Lodge session were among those present at the 38th session. Among those who were absent are George E. Wibecan of Brooklyn, George McMeechen of Baltimore, Gillis Nutter of West Virginia. George E. Bates of Newark, former grand secretary and also past grand exalted ruler is here, likewise Harry Pace of Chicago.

Baltimore, Richmond, Norfolk and Atlantic City are all in the field for the next convention. Atlantic City seems destined to make a strong fight but the odds favor Baltimore. Among the visiting newspaper men are: Carey B. Lewis, the Chicago Defender; John C. Minkins, the Providence Daily News; Kent Jackson, the Philadelphia Independent and Garland Mackey of the Washington Tribune. The Associated Negro Press is being covered by its local correspondent, Clarence L. Simmons and the writer.

The grip on the order held by J. Finley Wilson was never better demonstrated than at this convention. The Little Napoleon seems to have endeared himself to the members even more than of old. His old time ability to mix with all, his rare taste for remembering the names of hundreds from all sections of the country, his unfailing loyalty to his friends, plus his ceaseless activity in behalf of the Elks has made him indispensable.

Tennessee Lifts 30-Year Injunction Against Elks

Journal and Guide 8-28-37

Whites Objected To Any Negro Wearing Emblem In Memphis

By NAT D. WILLIAMS

MEMPHIS, Tenn.— Thousands of colored Elks in Tennessee and throughout this section of the Mid-South are affected by the announcement just issued, of the lifting of a 30-year old injunction, which had virtually ended the existence and prevented the revival of a Tennessee lodge of the order, headed by J. Finley Wilson.

The announcement came from the office of R. R. Church, nationally known political figure, who has been working quietly for some time through his attorney, J. T. Settle, to set aside the injunction. They emerged victorious on the 26 of last month. Their efforts ended what was intended to be a perpetual injunction.

Mr. Church filed a petition in Chancery Court of Shelby County in July against the decree.

The raising of the restrictive injunction will permit the formation without legal hindrance, of a local lodge in Memphis and lodges throughout Tennessee, of the colored Elks.

A temporary injunction was first obtained in 1907. The court orders were issued against both the Grand Lodge of the I. B. P. O. E. of W., of which Dr. Atkins of Newport News, Va., was grand exalted ruler between 1907 and 1909, and against Bluff City Lodge No. 96.

In 1907 the local white lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America won a suit filed in the Shelby County Chancery Court which "prohibited and enjoined the colored order from using the name and title of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, or any name or title similar or identical thereto, or derived therefrom; and the defendants were further restrained from using the ritualistic and other ceremonies of the B. P. O.E. or from using badges or emblems similar or identical to theirs."

This order was made perpetua in 1909 when the Supreme Cour of the State of Tennessee affirme the lower court order.

INCIDENT CAUSED ACTION

According to the stories of old time Memphis members of th early colored lodge, the inciden leading up to the first injunctio grew out of the resentment of group of white Elks who sa Robert Bowles wearing an El emblem on Main Street in 1907 an demanded that he take it off. Thi he refused to do. James R. Wrigh was head of the colored lodge a that time, and DeRoe P. Saunder secretary.

The white groups. led by a form er attorney general, Knute Este the late Ernest Miller, the lat Judge Kelly, and Clarence Frie man, of the white lodge 27, institut ed the injunction suit, and th colored lodge was discontinued.

EFFORTS AT REVIVAL

Only in one other state was an such order ever known to hav been issued in the history of th white and colored Elks. That wa in the state of New York. The Nev York injunction was lifted in 1927

The attempt at revival of th local colored order ended in a cita tion for contempt of court fo violation of the injunction. Mr Church, Yilkerson, Venson, an others barely escaped arrest, fine and jail sentences, for which th white Elks insisted.

From 1927 till the present successful effort there has been n lodge of colored Elks in Memphis.

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Grand United Order of Moses.

Officers of Moses Order Reelected At 33rd Session At Charlotte Court House; Many States Represented

Visitors' Night Attracts Many Of Both Races

Removing Stumbling Blocks Is Meeting Theme

Staff Correspondence

CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE, Va. — The thirty-third annual gathering of the Grand United Order of Moses, Inc., began here Tuesday night of last week, when 400 white citizens of Charlotte County and around 250 delegates and colored visitors from subordinate orders in all parts of the country crowded Moses Hall, located in the heart of this unique colored colored settlement.

The first night was "Visitors Night" a feature of the annual gathering which was inaugurated five years ago by Mrs. J. M. Jeffress, wife of the Rev. James Murray Jeffress, founder and president of the order. Mrs. Jeffress was mistress of ceremonies at the opening program.

The theme of this year's convention was "Removing Stumbling Blocks—How We Move Them?" Impromptu speeches by visiting notables, musical selections, and readings constituted the opening program.

PROGRAM FEATURES

Ten musical numbers were rendered by the Silvertone Quartet of Lynchburg. These included, spirituals, hymns, and semi-classical songs. Members of the quartet were: C. C. Parker, baritone; John H. Hudson, first tenor; William M. Colmean, second tenor, and Leon B. Stokes, bass.

Miss Venessa Reid rendered several readings including the immrtal "Little Brown Baby" by Paul Lawrence Dunbar. Miss Willa Mable Moten also rendered a reading. Eugene Ragsdale and Miss Evelyn Simpson sang solos.

White visitors introduced to the audience by Mrs. Jeffress included: T. T. Moore, of the state department of bank examiners; Miss Flora Belle Williams of Pamplin, Va., teacher in the Appomattox County Schools, who had on display here an exhibit on the Negro, a project of the white school children whom she taught; R. Page Morton, commonwealth's attorney of Charlotte County; Walter G. Williams, county treasurer; L. R. Reynolds, executive chairman of the North Carolina-Virginia

Need Of Race Pride Cited At Moses Session

Order's Founder Says We Need Education, Property, Votes

CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE, Va.—The juvenile program of the Grand United Order of Moses, Inc., was held during the Wednesday afternoon session. Prof. Harry Randolph, a graduate of Virginia State College and the vocational instructor of the Russell Grove High School in Amelia County, Va., was the principal speaker. He spoke about "Youth's Stumbling Blocks." Mrs. Martha Annette Ragsdale Right Worthy Senior Mother, presided.

Juveniles who took part in the program included: Beverly Hall, Roscoe Pugh, Joan Jeffress, Maxwell Allen, Jr., Thelma Hughes, Marjorie Jeffress, Beverly Pugh, Hortense Hamlette, who was mistress of ceremonies, Webster Logan, Miss Ruby Jeffress who played the piano, Frances Wheeler, Rosetta Randolph and Jannie Johnson.

The Rev. W. T. Young, pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Paulsboro, N. J., preached the sermon at the Wednesday night session. He spoke on "The Flood and Old Man Noah." During the course of his address the minister made the following observation:

CITES ESSENTIALS

"Two of the most important things that stamp any race or nation as having a right to exist seem to be lacking in the Negro race. They are race pride and race consciousness. The Jew will stand by the Jew. He learned his lesson in Egypt. But it seems very hard for the Negro to learn his anywhere."

Mrs. S. M. Booker spoke on "Aims." Mrs. Lola Kendricks sang a solo. Devotionals were conducted by Mrs. Booker, Mrs. J. V. Braime and John A. Peters.

Miss Alice West of Flushing, N. Y. read a paper during the Thursday morning session. Others on the program were J. A. Cunningham, Dr. M. A. Foster, Walter Watkins, Howard Tuck and J. B. Morton.

ANNUAL ADDRESSES

The annual addresses of the Right Worthy Grand Leader and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary were the features of the session held just after the parade. The report made by Mrs. Ragsdale, grand secretary, was adopted by the body.

Rev. Mr. Jeffress spoke on "The Negro of Today is Not the Negro of Yesteday." The founder and present leader of the organization traced the progress of the race since slavery, pointing out that much had been achieved by the race in a comparatively short time and with relatively fewer opportunities.

Said the speaker: "The world stands in greater need of producers today than ever before." He urged the acquisition of property and the establishment of business. He recommended education as a means by which our problems could be largely solved. The speaker concluded by emphasizing the importance of intelligent exercise of the right to vote, granted to every citizen.

OTHERS HEAD

Two addresses by prominent Virginians featured the Thursday afternoon session. J. A. Oliver, assistant supervisor in charge of NYA activities for Negroes and field secretary of the Negro Organization Society spoke on "A Plea for Negro Youth." Attorney T. C. Walker, consultant on Negro Affairs for the Virginia W. P. A. spoke on "Some Ways of Moving the Stumbling Blocks."

Mr. Oliver said: "In moving stumbling blocks in education, we must encourage youth to accept its responsibilities, to go to school, and to make good use of their time. We must encourage youths to get some of this world's goods, like property, houses, business, and to leave off frivolous spending. Older people should encourage rather than criticize youth."

"Youth should be encouraged to accept responsibilities as citizens to pay poll taxes and to vote," he said in closing.

Mr. Walker pointed out ways of removing the stumbling blocks, after observing that the economic conditions of the Negro, race prejudice, and ignorance are the biggest stumbling blocks of the race. He suggested that the blocks could be removed by a deeper and more abiding faith in God, by owning something, by education, and by having more faith in each other.

All of these people made short talks commending the founder and the officials of the order for the fine work done in Charlotte Court House by the Grand United Order of Moses.

The Rev. Charles Griffin, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Farmville, responded to these talks on behalf of the colored citizens.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

A praise service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Murray on Wednesday morning in Moses Hall. After the praise service, an executive session was held and all of the officers of the order were unanimously reelected by the delegates present.

These officers are: the Rev. J. Murray Jeffress, right worthy grand leader; the Rev. M. A. Foster, Philadelphia, right worthy grand vice leader; Mrs. Zena W. Jeffress, right worthy grand leadress; Mrs. Martha Annette Ragsdale, right worthy grand secretary, D. M. Ragsdale, right worthy grand treasurer; I. C. Barnett, Charlotte Court House, right worthy grand high priest; and S. L. Bassett, Brookneal, right worthy grand guide.

Other members of the board of directors are: Dr. L. W. Smith, South Boston; A. A. Thornton, Nathalie, Va.; J. J. Jackson, Philadelphia, Pa.; and J. A. Jeffress, Charlotte Court House.

Butler Elected Head of Moses

WASHINGTON

William H. Butler was elected national supreme grand master of the Order of Moses at the recent annual session in the organization's home, 1421 T Street, Northwest.

The elections closed a three-day session presided over by Reuben Minor, former national supreme grand master, with Deputy Samuel Graham assisting.

At a public session addresses were made by George Rycraw, past commander of James E. Reese American Legion Post; A. S. Pinkett, grand master of Odd Fellows and the Rev. J. Harvey Randolph, pastor of the Mount Moriah Baptist Church. Mrs. Georgie Roy presided.

Other Officers Elected

Other officers elected were:

Blanche Brown, grand vice master; John Rhone, Virginia, deputy grand master; Dennis Wilson, grand high priest; Walter J. Brooker, grand financial secretary; Nora Cole, grand recording secretary; Martha Onley, grand treasurer; Emma Thompson, left supporter; Mary F. Alston, right supporter;

Ann Carter, left conductor, Mrs. Hagood of Pennsylvania, right conductor; Jacob S. Frazier, inside sentinel; James Green, outside sentinel; Beulah Hall, chairman of supply committee; Faith Ridgley, secretary of supply committee; Edwardina Carter, chairman of publicity committee.

Danville Drum & Bugle Corps, Composed Of Boys And Girls, Makes A Hit

CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE Va.—Sixty little boys and girls, between the ages of five and fifteen years, added to their rapidly increasing store of laurels by playing their way into the hearts of the ten thousand people who gathered here to witness the annual parade of the Grand United Order of Moses last week.

These youngsters were the members of the Drum and Bugle Corps of the Bruce Walker Post American Legion, South Boston, Va., and they came here fresh from their conquest of top honors at the State American Legion convention held in Danville during the first part of last week.

Directed by Dr. L. V. Ragsland, South Boston dentist, and managed by Mrs. Dollie M. Ragsland, this unusual unit of young drummers and buglers took home a $50 prize for the best colored musical organization in the American Legion parade in Danville and had been awarded the first drum and bugle corps prize.

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In addition, five-year old Richard Kent had won the prize awarded to best junior drum major and his colleague, Walter Gunn, 14, had won the first prize for senior drum majors.

With these honors tucked away, the unit moved to Charlotte Court House for the annual parade, Thursday, chief attraction of the thirty-third annual gathering of the Order of Moses.

Dressed in blue and white, with gold brass buttons, these youngsters created a sensation as thousands of people stampeded to the edge of the road to watch the unit march with military precision that would do justice to any highly trained infantry unit.

But marching was only a part of the show these lads and lassies put on. When they started playing, thousands of people cheered.

Little boys and girls making perfect notes on the difficult trumpet, and little boys and girls making drums sound like the playing of a master, proved to be the most popular feature of the convention here.

In the unit there were 14 girls. The rest were boys. The group was later invited to give a brief concert in the auditorium of Moses Hall.

Mr. Ragland, stated that the group had been invited to attend the national convention of the American Legion, but that he would be unable to take them because they would all be in school at that time.

Order of Moses Officers

Without a dissenting vote, the officers of the Grand United Order of Moses were reelected during the annual gathering in Charlotte, Va., last week.

They are left to right, front row, Mrs. N. B. Ford, deputy; Mrs. M. A. Ragsdale, right worthy grand secretary; Mrs. J. M. Jeffress, right worthy grand leaderess; Mrs. Rosa B. McGowan, deputy and queen of the parade; Mrs. L. B. Price, gospel singer; second row; E. F. Cunningham, deputy; Dr. L. W. Smith, member of board of directors; The Rev. J. M. Jeffress, founder and right worthy grand leader; D. A. Lewis, deputy; R. H. Pynes, deputy; and the Rev. James Hyman, deputy; back row; Charles Turner, deputy; D. M. Ragsdale, sergeant; the Rev. H. M. Braxton, deputy; the Rev. W. T. Young, deputy and one of the main speakers. Not on the picture were the Rev. M. A. Foster, vice-grand leader; I. C. Barrett, director, S. L. Bassett, director; and Dr. J. M. Allen, treasurer of home and hospital department.

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Imperial Order of King David.

King Davids Anticipate Huge Session In Alexandria, Va.

39th Annual Meet To Be Held Sept. 7-8

Grand Worthy Ruler, Mrs. A. G. Taylor Invites Visitors

The 39th annual session of the Imperial Order of King David will be held in Alexandria, Va., on September 7th. The session will be held in the Third Baptist Church and will continue through the evening of the 8th of September.

The Initial Session

The initial session of the convention will be held on Monday at 8 p. m. with Miss Sallie Cowan serving as mistress of ceremonies. Persons on the program include Rev. W. M. Ford, Grand First Vice Ruler, Rev. Samuel Ross, pastor of Third Baptist Church who will deliver the welcome address.

Mrs. M. A. Thompson, Grand Second Vice Ruler, John R. Beverly and Rev .D. L. Miles and Robert Terrell.

Musical selections will be rendered by the choir of the Third Baptist Church Mrs. Nellie Mason and the Alexandria City Quartette. The annual sermon will be delivered by the Rev. D. L. Miles and the closing remarks will be made by Mrs. A. G. Taylor, founder and Grand Worthy Ruler of the Order.

Mayor To Speak

The address of the Hon. Richard L Ruffin, Mayor of Alexandria, will feature the public meeting which will be held at 1:30 o'clock P. M., on Tuesday. The Mayor will be introduced by Mrs. Laura E. Washington. Mrs. Muriel E. T. Johnson will respond to the Mayor's address of welcome. Brief addresses on this occasion will be delivered by Deputy R. I. Terell, I. B. P. O. Elks, the Grand Worthy Ruler and others.

Parade on Tuesday

The Grand Lodge parade headed by the Boys' Band of the Virginia Manual Labor School and composed of the following units, the uniform rank of the Order, Marching Clubs and Grand Lodge officers will be held Tuesday. The female units participating in the parade will be attired in white and the male units in white trousers with dark coats. The parade will be formed on Patrick street, march to Madison St., west on Madison street to West street, east on Queen street to Alford street, south an Alford street to Gibbon St., east on Gibon street to Royal street, north on Royal street to Orinoco St., west on Orinoco street to Pattrick St., west on Pattrick to Princess street.

"Why Women Leave Home"

"Why Women Leave Home", a dramatic offering directed by Mrs. Lille Thomas of Richmond, will close the convention. The music for the drama will be furnished by the Rising Star Quartette of Richmond. The indications are that there will be no change in the personnel of the official staff. Mrs. Taylor will continue during next year as Grand Worthy Ruler and Miss Mary M. Scott will succeed herself as Grand Worthy Scribe. The Grand Worthy Ruler, Mrs. A. G. Taylor, told a representative of the Richmond PLANET that she was very anxious to have many visitors from Richmond look in on the meetings and to participate in the festivities incident thereto.

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Independent Order of Good Samaritans.

SAMARITANS IN SESSION

Miss Mabel Diggs Made Presiding Daughter

The Independent Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria held interesting sessions and had a pleasant time this week at the Masonic Temple, 1095 Tremont Street, where they gathered for their eleventh biennial session. Delegates came from all points of the compass, and after a rousing opening on Monday evening, the next three days were spent in business conferences.

A sour note was struck at the failure of Mayor Frederick W. Mansfield to keep his promise made to Chairman Everton L. Morrison to welcome the delegates on behalf of the city—in fact his Honor did not send as much as an office boy or a note to present his excuses.

Atty. Perkins

The high spot of the opening meeting was the response by Atty. D. W. Perkins of Florida to an able legal welcome by Boston's Attorney John S. Bourne. Mr. Perkins spoke impressively and interestingly of Negro rights, and told dramatically of some of the battles he has had during his law career in fighting for the rights of his people. Another excellent address was made by J. C. Allen of Virginia and rousing welcomes were given by Dr. John B. Hall for secret organizations; Dr. T. E. A. McCurdy for the medical profession and Herbert Dowse for business. Of the musical interludes the selections of the Samaritan Choir were outstanding. Mrs. Rosa Bryant made an efficient mistress of ceremonies.

Back Educational Program

The main theme of the outlining of future policies by the National Grand Sire, Dr. A. W. Brazier, was the organization's determination to foster, encourage and support all Negro youth movements and educational programs for the advancement of the colored youth of the nation.

Juvenile Society

The Juvenile Society presented a play, "The Good Samaritan," at the grand reception on Wednesday evening and made an outstanding hit with it. The delegates voted it the best they had witnessed in the past ten years.

Miss Diggs Re-Elected

The election of officers for the ensuing two years brought few changes. Dr. Brazier was re-elected National Grand Sire, and the only important change was the elevation of Miss Mabel Diggs of Boston and Hingham to the High office of National Grand Presiding Daughter vice Mrs. Carter retired.

Chairman Morrison and his committee did a perfect job on arrangements and entertainment. The 12th Biennial session will be held in Philadelphia in 1939.

Good Samaritans Hold 11th Biennial Session

BOSTON, Sept. 9—(By E. W. Clark for ANP)—With a throng of delegates in attendance, the 11th biennial session of the national grand lodge, Independent Order of Good Samaritans and the Daughters of Samaria, got under way here last Monday at the Masonic Temple on Tremont street, the interesting session lasting through Thursday.

At the opening meeting Everton L. Morrison was chairman and welcome was extended the visitors by the following: Mayor Frederick W. Mansfield, for the city; State Grand Chief W. D. Delain for the Massachusetts Grand Lodge; Gertrude Ramsey for the Juvenile department; Dr. John B. Hall, for secret organizations; Dr. T. E. A. McCurdy for the medical profession; Attorney John Bourne for the legal profession and Herbert Dowse for the business men.

Other speakers included Attorney E. D. Cooke, E. Pierce, of Pennsylvania, Mrs. C. A. Rodman, national juvenile organizer; J. C. Allen, Virginia; J. C. Collier, Georgia; J. H. Dale, Jr., Washington, D. C., national grand secretary; Basil F. Hutchins and Dr. A. W. Brazier, national grand sire of Louisiana. Mrs. Rosa Bryant was mistress of ceremonies. A feature of Wednesday night's program was the play "Good Samaritan." There were also drills by the Juvenile Society and visiting companies, followed by a buffet supper. Dr. J. P. Patterson is national deputy grand sire of the organization.

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Independent Order of St. Luke.

First St. Luke Session To Be Held Monday

Reports Show Achievements Of Order Outstanding.

The 70th Annual and 10th Biennial Convention of the Independent Order of St. Luke will convene in this city August 15, 17, 18th. All of the sessions will be held in the auditorium of Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church. The meeting will be presided over by the R. W. G. Chief, Mrs. Sarah H. Page, of Kimball, West Virginia.

The Convention will open on Monday morning with the matron's conference.

On Monday at 3 o'clock the delegates and visitors will make a pilgrimage to the graves of the late Mrs. Maggie L. Walker and Mrs. Lillian S. Bazley, both former secretary-treasurers of the order. Music will be furnished by the Boys' Band of the Virginia Manual Labor School in Hanover, Va., W. B. Layton, superintendent. Boy Scout units will serve as escorts.

Miss Marietta O. Johnson, R. W. G. Vice Deputy Matron, will preside at the memorial services which will be held in Evergreen cemetery. Eulogies will be delivered by R. W. G. Trustee Joshua Monroe, of Rhode Island, Juvenile Executive Board member; Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, of New Jersey; Mrs. Lucy Henderson, of New Jersey; Mrs. Mary L. Henry, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Goldie Minter, Maryland; Mrs. Susie T. Smith, D. C.; Mrs. Mattie J. Craighead, of West Virginia; Mrs. Hattie B. Jenkins, of North Carolina; Mrs. Florence McCoy, of Georgia, and Mrs. Margaret Crowder, of Virginia.

Wreaths will be placed on the graves of the fallen executives by Miss Maria E. Burke, R. W. G. Juvenile Directress.

The Coronation of Matrons will follow the pilgrimage and memorial services. Miss Martha Smith will crown the matrons. Monday's sessions will close with the installation of the newly elected officers of the Juvenile Department by Grand Trustees, Mrs. Frances Cox, and Mrs. Josephine D Cannady. A reception will be tendered the visiting matrons by the Matrons' Board of Richmond at St. Luke Hall.

Public Meeting

The public meeting will be held in Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church on Tuesday at 9.00 o'clock A.M. The annual sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. W. L. Ransome, pastor of the First Baptist Church, South Richmond. Routine business will be transacted in the afternoon and evening sessions on Tuesday.

At Walker Theatre

The management of the Walker Theatre, named for Mrs. Maggie L. Walker and one of the Lichtman chain of theatres, will serve as host to the delegates on Tuesday night. A special performance has been arranged for the occasion. The convention will close on Wednesday with the election and installation of Grand Officers and Trustees.

The present Grand Officers are: Sarah H. Page, Kimball, W. Va., R. W. G. Chief; Harry J. White, New York, N. Y., R. W. G. Vice Chief; Hattie N. F. Walker, Richmond, Va., R. W. G. Secretary (acting); Harry J. Braxton, Roanoke, Va., R. W. G. Messenger; Rev. D. S. Woolfolk, Charlottesville, Va., R. W. Prelate; Lavinia B. Scott, Newark, N. J., R. W. G. Sentinel; A. B. Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa., R. W. G. O. Sentinel.

History of the Grand Council

The birth of the order is dated in 1867, the name of the founder is Mary Prout, the place of birth is Baltimore, Md., but the dark ages were over and the order's Renaissance dated from the election of Mrs. Walker as right worthy grand secretary-treasurer in 1899. This chief crossbearer marshalled and directed the army which has marched to triumphant success, under the banner of love, purity and charity. Mrs. Walker succeeded Mr. William M. T. Forrester, of this city, and during the first year of her administration, 3,830 adult members and 1,205 juveniles were added to the depleted ranks of the organization. The thirty-four years of Mrs. Walker's administration witnessed an almost inconceivable growth, and the records of the organization at the beginning of 1937 showed a total of 100,000 adult members and 20,000 juveniles distributed over twenty-four States and with over $9,000,000 worth of life insurance in force. During these years these outstanding achievements are registered to the credit of the fruitful administration of Maggie L. Walker; the reorganization of the juvenile and endowment departments, organized by Mrs. Walker before her election as grand secretary, the establishment of the St. Luke Herald, now the St. Luke Fraternal Bulletin, the official organ of the order; the organization of the St. Luke Penny Savings Bank, now the Consolidated Bank and Trust Co., with resources now nearing the one million dollar mark; the operation of the St. Luke Emporium of East Broad street, the erection of the four story modernly equipped office building at St. James and Baker, the organization of the educational loan fund, and the creation of the legal reserve division which is operated according to the most modern and scientific insurance practices. The policies combine all of the modern insurance features such as double indemnity, disability, profits in dividends and carries rates which, while exceptionally low, are adequate and in accordance with the latest actuarial experiences. The bookkeeping and filing systems, installed the suggestion of the Virginia Bureau of Banking and Insurance, have been improved upon to meet the demands of the order's growth and are now models of business expertness and technique. The organization gives employment to more than 100 men and women of the race, and is committed to a broad policy of racial progress and betterment.

Twenty-five thousand two hundred and thirty-nine death claims amounting to nearly $3,000,000.00 is the amazing sum paid to the heirs of St. Luke policyholders, and the total assets of the organization are valued at $450,000 for the Grand Council and $112,000 for the juvenile department. It is a far cry to trace step by step the history of this giant organization from its humble origin. Each succeeding page will portray more vividly its progress motivated by the rugged personality, the unconquerable spirit and the masterful design of the quiet woman who directed its destiny. Figures and statements of its wealth and number are inspiring, impressive and convincing, but the outstanding claim of the organization, to confidence, affection and support, are the spiritual significance of its leadership, the purity of its motive and purpose, its proven love and tested charity. The history of the Right Worthy Grand Council, Independent Order of St. Luke, is the life story of Maggie L. Walker; both are imperishable.

Richmond Planet 8-14-37 Richmond, Va.

"CARRY ON"

Seventy years have spent themselves since the Independent Order of St. Luke was founded. During these three score years and ten of the span of the average human life, this organization has grappled with and successfully solved many of the problems which beset an underprivileged group of American citizens.

"Up from slavery" properly epitomizes the history of the St. Lukes. Chattel slavery was a horrid memory when two years following its demise, Mary Proutt of Baltimore, Maryland organized the Order which was destined to meet the challenge the sudden emancipation of 3,000,000 Negro slaves presented. It ministered unto their spiritual, economic, social, civic and educational needs. It became more than a mere fraternal organization as a result of the complexities and exigencies born of time and circumstance. In the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-seven, it stands as a monument to the vision of Mary Proutt and to the genius courage, fortitude and ability of the matchless Maggie L. Walker.

"The Moving Finger writes; and,
having writ,
Moves on: nor all your Piety nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line
Nor all your Tears wash out a Word
of it."

Maggie L. Walker is dead. She carried a burden only those upon whom the Fates have scattered the dust of leadership can bear. Her frail successor, Lillian Bazley, fell by the wayside exhausted, and using the heavy burden of responsibility thrust upon her as Mrs. Walker's successor as a pillow "fell into that dreamless sleep which kisses down the eyelids still".

Faint not nor despair is the message this 70th Annual and 10th Biennial Convention of the Independent Order of St Luke conveys. Casualties always mark the march of progress. They are the toll the years exact.

Even out of the eternities echoes come The voices of Mary Proutt, William M T. Forrester, Maggie L. Walker and Lillian Bazley are heard as this convention meets. They say "Carry On".

"Carry on" with the Cross as an emblem until all of the hills of injustice, poverty, discrimination, suffering and despair have been leveled by the application in human behavior of "love, purity and charity."

In this spirit and in this faith the RICHMOND PLANET, in behalf of Richmond, extends a cordial welcome to the 70th annual and the 10th Biennial Convention of the Independent Order of St. Luke.

"Carry On".

St. Lukes Elect Mrs. H. F. N. Walker to Complete Term of Office As R. W. G. Secretary

70th Annual Convention Closes In Richmond; Secretary's Report Highlight of Sessions

RICHMOND, Va.—Mrs. Hattie N. F. Walker, who has been acting right worthy grand secretary of the Independent Order of St. Luke since the recent death of Mrs. Lillian S. Bazley, was elected to complete the present four year term of that office at the 70th annual St. Luke convention which closed in Richmond last week. Mrs Bazley was elected to a four year term, two years ago. At her death Mrs. Walker took over the duties of that office. She was authorized to continue in the capacity of grand secretary throughout the term.

Other grand officers elected during the convention of the St. Luke order were, Henry J. White of New York City, chief; Mrs. Lavinia B Scott, vice; Harry J. Braxton messenger; Rev. D. S. Woolfork prelate; Mrs. Lizzie B. Smith, inside sentinel; Mrs. Eva Jackson. outside sentinel.

All trustees up for reelection were reinstated. They were Rev. O. J. Allen, Norfolk; Mrs. Josephine D. Cannady, West Virginia; Mrs. Frances Cox, Virginia; Dr. W. T. Johnson, Virginia; Mrs. M. M. Peace, District of Columbia; Joshua Monroe, Connecticut; Mrs. Sallie B. Pree, Virginia; the Rev. George H. Sims, New York: Mrs Ella O. Waller, Virginia; and St. George Tucker, Pennsylvania.

Installation exercised for the grand officers were held at the end of the session.

A portion of the meeting was used for memorial exercises for Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, Mrs. Lillian S. Bazley, three trustees and a clerk. Dr. W. T. Johnson and Dr. William H. Hughes eulogized Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Bazley. Dr. George H. Sims spoke briefly on "Our Dead." The session was closed by the new chief, Harry J. White.

The highlight of the Tuesday afternoon session was the biennial report of Mrs. Hattie N. F. Walker, acting R. W. G. Secretary of the order, before an audience of 800 persons which included 398 delegates from 346 councils.

She respected the work and friendship of her predecessors in the office she now holds. Mrs. R. W. Coots' work and cooperation were commended highly as well as was the field department headed by John S. Collins with Mrs. Lelia W. Bankett, Miss Maria E. Burke and Mrs. Eugertha Johnson.

Mention and praise were given the Consolidated Bank which had its beginning with the order.

The annual address by the R. W G. Crief, Mrs. Sarah H. Page of West Virginia set forth the accomplishments of the grand officers and the body for the past two years.

It was suggest in the report of the trustees that Mrs. Hattie N. F. Walker remain in her secretarial position, filling the unexpired term of the late Mrs. Lillian S. Bazley.

Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Page recipients from St. Luke friends.

Other reports scheduled for the meeting were referred to the Wednesday morning session.

At 9 p. m., Tuesday, the entire delegation was guest of the management of the Walker Theatre at that entertainment place. The Walker Theater was named in honor of Mrs. Maggie L. Walker.

The reports of Dr. William H. Hughes, chief medical examiner; Attorney J. Thomas Hewin, general counsel; and Mrs. Lelia W. Bankett marked the opening of the Wednesday morning session of the convention, held at Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

A motion for the adjustment of the ABC policies was received and adopted.

Mrs. Bankett told of her work throughout the St. Luke field.

Many of the delegates were awarded pictures of the late Mrs. Maggie L. Walker,

St. Luke Meets $13,303 Claims

RICHMOND, Va.—The order of St. Luke closed its bi-ennial session here last week after hearing reports which included the payment of $13,303.32 in death claims.

Mrs. Hattie N. F. Walker, acting right worthy grand secretary, said that the loss of two executives had prevented a greater advancement.

The Delegates

Present were 135 matrons of the juvenile department, 186 adult delegates, officers and executive board members.

Mrs. Sara B[illegible] of Kimball, W. Va., is [illegible]ief and Harry J. White of New York is vice chief.

Members of the board of trustee are O. J. Allen, Mary V. Binga, George W. Coleman, Frances Cox, J. Thomas Hewin, William H. Hughes, W. T. Johnson, Ella O. Waller and Sallie B. Pree, Virginia;

Ollie I. Brown, New Jersey; M. M. Peace, District of Columbia; Joshua Monroe, Connecticut; Josephine D. Cannady, West Virkginia; Sallie E. Collier, Illinois; Junius Gray, Maryland; Florence McCoy, Georgia; and George H. Sims, New York.

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Knights of Pythias.
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Pythians 39th Biennial Session Ends In Reelection Of Supreme Chancellor Watkins Of Chicago

By HATTIE W. BROWN

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The 39th bien nial session of the Knights of Pythi as and the 27th biennial session of the Supreme Court, Order of Calan the, the ladies department of the Or der, went into session August 17 following a welcome program at St Paul A. M. E. Church Monday night Addresses of welcome were delivered by many organizations of the state, including churches, fraternals, and business organizations. The Hon. Bernard F. Dickmann, mayor had been invited to deliver the welcome address on behalf of the city, but due to previous engagment, was unable to be present. The Rev. John F. Moor-

REELECTED

Atty. S. A. T. WATKINS

land, pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church delivered the address to welcome on behalf of the city.

S. A. T. Watkins, supreme chancellor, presided at the meeting in which twenty-seven states were represented. Reports of the officers were rendered Tuesday in a joint session of the Supreme Lodge and Supreme Court. Among the many reports made, the Grand Court of the State of Texas, showed they had a cash surplus of six hundred and sixty two thousand dollars (662.000) and the juvenile department of that state had seventeen thousand dollars in their treasury.

The session was the largest in attendance in many years. The Supreme Lodge, Supreme Court and visitors numbered over 1,500.

S. A. T. Watkins is serving his first term as supreme chancellor, and during his 2 year administration, has brought back to the fold five states and reorganized four others.

Supreme Chancellor Watkins is from Chicago, Ill., and before being elected served for more than 30 years as supreme attorney of the order. In his report, the Supreme Chancellor stated that Hawaii and Cuba would be operating as going organizations within the next six months. The report showed the leading states in initiating and reinstating members were Texas and Georgia, with all states making substantial gains.

The sessions ended Thursday. Election of officers in the Supreme Lodge took place late Tuesday, the following officers being elected:

Supreme chancellor, S. A. T. Watkins, Chicago, Ill.; supreme past chancellor, S. W. Green, New Orleans, La.; supreme vice chanclelor, L. B. Kinchson, Dallis, Texas; supreme prelate, Sidney A. Jones, Savannah, Ga.; supreme lecturer, N. N. Reynolds, Pulaski, Tenn.; supreme master of exchequer, T. G. Nutter, Charleston, W. Va.; supreme K. of R. and S., Dr. E. E. Underwood, Frankfort, Ky.; supreme master at arms, W. H. Randolph, Jackson, Miss.; supreme inner guard, J. Will Cooper, Detroit, Mich.; supreme outer guard, George W. Williams, Boston, Mass.; supreme medical reg., Dr. S. H. Thompson, Kansas City, Kan.; Major General, Uniform Department, Robert R. Jackson, Chicago, Ill.; supreme attorney, S. D. McGill, Jacksonville, Fla.

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Court of Calanthe

This was a banner year for the Courts of Calanthe. Despite economic onditions there were representatives rom 14 states and an average delegation of 47. Many visitors were also resent. The formal opening on Monday night was largely attended, and words of welcome were most profuse.

On Tuesday night, Mrs. Henrietta Davis, an outstanding Calanthean, was n charge of a beautiful reception which had a two-fold meaning—a birthday celebration tor Mrs. Bertha T. Buckner, grand worthy councellor of the State of Missouri, as well as a reception to visiting delegates and friends. Mrs. Buckner received many tributes of love and esteem, and also a check from the Grand Court of Missouri. Among those participating on the program were: Grand Chancellor A. W. Lloyd, A. Gannell, Mrs. Martha Pride, Mrs. Rosetta W. Gibson of Kansas City, and Mrs. Josephine Truehart of Kansas City. Mrs. W. T. Ancell was guest soloist.

On Wednesday morning Miss Edna Kencheon, daughter of the Supreme Worthy Counsellor made a constructive and informative address. All officers were re-elected with but one change, Mrs. P. E. Davis of Texas is the vice supreme councillor.

The Dutch supper Wednesday night was a fine affair.

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Knights of Pythians.

PYTHIANS CLOSE BIENNIAL SESSION

(Registration List On Page 1B)

The 39th Biennial Session of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythians and the 27th Session of the Supreme Court, Order of Calanthe, went into session Tuesday A. M. at Pythian Headquarters, 31[illegible] Pine Blvd., following a welcome program at St. Paul A. M. E. Church Sunday night, at which addresses of welcome were delivered by representatives of different organizations of the state, including churches, fraternal and business institutions. The Hon. Bernard F. Dickmann, Mayor, had been invited to deliver an address, but owing to a previous engagement he was unable to be present and the Rev. John F. Moreland, pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church delivered the address of welcome for the city.

Texas Reports Huge Surplus

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The session now in progress is the largest in attendance in many years. Fifteen hundred members of the supreme lodge, supreme court and visitors are in attendance.

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Watkins is from Chicago, Ill., and before being elected supreme chancellor, served over 30 years as Supreme Attorney of the Order. In his report, the supreme chancellor stated that within the next six months, there would be going organizations operating in Hawaii and Cuba.

Texas and Georgia lead all states in initiating and reinstating members while most all the states showed substantial growth.

Officers Elected

The session will close Thursday. Election of officers in the Supreme Lodge took place late Tuesday, the following officers being elected:

Supreme Chancellor, S. A. T. Watkins, Chicago, Ill.; Supreme Past Chancellor, S. W. Green, New Orleans, La.; Supreme Vice Chancellor, L. B. Kinchion, Dallas, Tex.; Supreme Prelate, Sidney A. Jones, Savannah, Ga.; Supreme Lecturer, N. N. Reynolds, Pulaski, Tenn.; Supreme Master of Exchequer, T. G. Nutter, Charleston, W. Va.; Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals, Dr. E. E. Underwood, Frankfort, Ky.; Supreme Master at Arms, W. H. Randolph, Jackson, Miss.; Supreme Inner Guard, J. Will Cooper, Detroit, Mich.; Supreme Outer Guard, Geo. W. Williams Boston, Mass.; Supreme Med. Reg. Dr. S. H. Thompson, Kansas City, Kans.; Major General, Uniform Dept. Robert R. Jackson, Chicago, Ill.; Supreme Attorney, S. D. McGill, Jacksonville, Fla.

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Texas Lodges Show Surplus Of $679,000

Detroit To Be Site of 1939 Meeting; Re-elect Lloyd

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—With delegates working with a precision and dispatch that revealed that many of the things said about Negro fraternal organizations cannot be possibly true, the 29th bi-ennial session of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, came to an end Wednesday night after a two-day session crammed full of activity.

Detroit, Mich., was selected as the site for the thirty-eighth bi-ennial session in 1939 and Supreme Chancellor S. A. T. Watkins of Chicago was re-elected to succeed himself.

The sessions opened Tuesday morning. At night, a mammoth public meeting, at the St. Paul A. M. E. Church, the Rev. Frank Madison Reid, pastor, attracted hundreds of citizens. In the absence of Mayor Bernard F. Dickman, who was unable to be present on account of a previous engagement, the Rev. John F. Moreland, pastor of the Metropolitan AME Zion Church, gave the welcome for the city. Among the other speakers was the Rev. John H. Harmon, 74-year-old Atlanta minister, prominent in AME church circles, who is retiring this year as supreme prelate due to failing health.

RE-ELECT LOYD

27 states were represented and the reports of both the Supreme Lodge and the Supreme Court were given at a joint session. The reading of the reports evoked much applause and favorable comment. Grand Chancellor Aaron W. Lloyd of Missouri, who was re-elected to his post for his thirty-seventh consecutive term last week, being lauded for the work of the Pythians of Missouri in paying off every just claim due up to and including the grand lodge session which had just ended.

BIG SURPLUS

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3 Given Degrees

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Birmingham, Ala. News
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In 1928 the Order built a Cathedral in its Grand East in Philadelphia, Pa. This building is a beautiful edifice architecturally and is outstanding among those of Negro fraternal organizations. The entire building is devoted to the purposes of the Order being especially arranged and equipped for that purpose. The Supreme Council the governing body of the Rite, holds most of its meetings in this building, occasionally meeting at strategic points in the other parts of the Jurisdiction.

LEADERS ARE MEMBERS

Many outstanding and influential men are members of the Supreme Council and of its subordinate bodies. Among them might be mentioned: George W. Crawford of New Haven, Conn.; William A. Heathman of Providence, R. I.; Dr. Conwell Banton of Wilmington, Del.; James E. White, Oscar DePriest, Col. Jackson and Robert S. Abbott of Chicago, Ill.; Jefferson S. Coage of Washington, D. C.; Dr. Milton N. White and Walter C. Beckett, of Philadelphia; Dr. Roland R. Johnson of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Curtis Green of Marion, Ind.; Thomas J. Murray of New Jersey; Walter White, and Leland D. French of Cleveland, Ohio; Jose H. Sherwood, of St. Paul, Minn., and many others.

In addition to the fraternal activities of the organization its membership takes an interest in many affairs that have to do with the life of the race in the communities in which they live.

This organization was one of the first to encourage the higher education of our youth. For a number of years it contributed scholarships for that purpose. It has a day set aside known as "Educational Day" upon which all of its organizations endeavors to promote an increased interest in education in their communities.

PROVIDES LEADERSHIP

As an organization it takes an interest in health programs, civic improvements, housing conditions and other questions having for their purpose improved conditions among our group. In many communities it has been successful in providing a leadership for many worthwhile projects.

It is interesting to note that this organization has a complete history of the organization, consisting of correspondence, minute books and other documents covering the period from 1850 to the present time. These document are kept in a special vault in its Cathedral and are highly treasured by the organization.

Birmingham, Ala., Age-Herald
July 21, 1937

NEGRO MASONS OF STATE IN SESSIONS

Delegates Are Given Welcome To Convention Here

Following welcoming exercises Monday night, the Negro Grand Lodge of Masons of Alabama opened its annual communication in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple Tuesday morning, with Grand Master Charles V. Hendley, presiding.

P. D. Davis, former grand secretary, made the welcoming address on the part of the lodges in Jefferson County, and Dr. E. T. Belsaw, of Mobile, responded. Prof. B. H. Hudson made the welcome address on behalf of the schools of Birmingham; Dr. H. C. Bryant on behalf of professional men and S. M. Jones on behalf of the business men. P. J. Brown, of Demopolis, responded.

Charles V. Hendley, grand master, outlined the progress made by the fraternity during the past 12 months. He pleaded for a more sacrificing leadership. The grand auditor, in his report, showed there were 139 deaths registered for the fraternal year, and $60,000 paid out in death claims and other purposes, showing a balance in cash and bond securities of $44,542.34.

Dr. E. T. Belsaw, endowment treasurer, gave his report. Reports will continue Wednesday and the grand master will finish the appointment of committees. The session will end at noon Thursday.

According to the credentials committee, the meeting is the largest in 10 years. More than 500 are in attendance.

Birmingham, Ala. News
July 21, 1937

NEGRO MASONIC WORK REVIEWED

The outstanding features of the fifty-ninth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Negro Masons of Alabama were the annual message of Grand Master Charles V. Hendley, report of Grand Auditor William H. Carter, Endowment Secretary C. W. Peters and Endowment Treasurer E. T. Belsaw.

In his address the grand master reported covering the entire state by travel, and said the membership had increased more than 1,000 since the session last November. This was the largest increase made in any one fraternal year since 1929.

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At the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church last night the Lodge of Sorrows was held, memorializing the 139 deceased members. Grand Master Hendley was in charge.

Other Grand Lodge officers made their reports today and the appointment of committees was completed.

According to the committee on credentials, 500 delegates and visitors are attending, the largest representation in a number of years.

The Grand Lodge is scheduled to close tomorrow.

SHRINERS PICK JOHN MURPHY AS POTENTATE

Afro-American 8-28-37

Deputy Vanquished in Leadership Battle at Convention.

YOUNG BLOOD ON CHIEF'S CABINET

Need for Modernized Program Accepted.

CINCINNATI, Ohio—Demanding new and younger blood for membership on his cabinet, John H. Murphy, Jr., of Baltimore, was re-elected imperial potentate of the Mystic Shrine at the convention here last week.

Potentate Murphy held that educational and physical requirements could not be met by some of the veterans, and his position was upheld when five nobles were replaced.

The only contest of the convention came when A. W. Brazier of New Orleans, deputy imperial potentate, opposed his chief for the leadership. He lost the election by 142 and 55.

Temples Increase

Sixty-two temples were represented at the meeting. There were 197 voting delegates, an increase of seventy-eight over 1936.

Nine temples were restored and one under dispensation.

Parade and Drill

The parade, always a fantastic display of oriental garb of the Arabs of the desert, was held Wednesday afternoon through the downtown streets of the city.

Easily the main attraction and the recipient of the greatest applause was the marching club of Alla Baba Temple of Columbus, Ohio, led by the Temple's band of fifty-six pieces and followed by the Patrol in its beautiful dress of the Moslem Guard.

The competitive drill took place in the Cincinnati National Guard Armory, participated in by four patrols.

First prize of $300 was awarded Alla Baba patrol, captained by Howard E. Gilbert; second prize of $200 went to Mecca Temple patrol, Washington, D.C., with Noble Clarence Nixon as captain; third prize of $100 to Pyramid Temple patrol, headed by Arthur E. Birchett. A donation of $50 was awarded the patrol unit representing Golconda Temple.

Templars Parade

Thursday afternoon the Knights Templars held a parade and drill in the armory.

Grand Masters in Council

The International Council of Grand Masters, held their biennial conference in the Harriet Beecher Stowe High School auditorium, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

The sessions were presided over by R. W. Fred. W. Dabney, of Missouri, who has been president for the past two years, and was unanimously re-elected for another two years. R.W. John L. Hubert, of Delaware, secretary of the council, was also re-elected.

Those attending the sessions include: H. York Harrison, Michigan; H. Homer Collins, Ohio; Cornelius R. Richardson, Indiana J. E. Fulford, Virginia; John W. Dobbs, Georgia; W. A. Marshall, New York;

Slate Chosen

The imperial divan includes:

John H. Murphy, Jr., Jerusalem No 4, Baltimore, Md., imperial potentate Raymond E. Jackson, Hadji, Buffalo N.Y., deputy imperial potentate; Raymond King, Cawthaw, Evansville, Ind., imperial chief rabban; Ira P. Johns El Hassa, Cleveland, O., imperial assistant; Zack Alexander, Rameses, imperial high priest, Charlotte, N.C.;

Maurice C. Musson, imperial orienta guide, Golconda, Montclair, N.J.; Thomas H. Williams, imperial recorder, Medinan, Jersey City, N.J.; Charles D. Freeman, imperial treasurer, Mecca, Washington, D.C.;

John W. Moore, imperial first ceremonial master, El Karneck, Flint Mich.;

George H. Roy, imperial second ceremonial master, Allah, Kansas City, Mo.;

H. Z. Plummer, imperial captain of guard, Arabia, Portsmouth, Va.; J. C. Boger, imperial outer guard, Medji, Fort Worth, Texas.

Women Elect

Officers elected to Imperial Court, Daughters of Isis, were:

Daughter T. Carter Brown, imperial commandress, Medina Court, St. Louis, Mo.; Willie Britton, imperial first lieutenant, Sinai Court, Cincinnati;

Rosa Norris, imperial second lieutenant, Palestine Court No. 9, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Daughter Beulah McKay, imperial high priestests, Alaraf Court, Oklahoma City, Okla.;

Daughter Rena Brown, imperial Oriental guide, Sahara Court, Cleveland;

Daughter Laura Henson, imperial treasuress, Alexander Court, Baltimore, Md.; Earlie Musson, imperial recordess, Ambis Court, Newark, N.J.; Daughter Corabelle Barrett, imperial first ceremonial, Arabic Court, Chicago;

Daughter Mamie H. McCoy, imperial second ceremonial, Oasis Court, Washington, D.C.; Daughter Irene Henrye, imperial inside spy, Naja Court, New York City; Daughter Katherine Cunningham, imperial outside spy, Mocha Court, Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Sallie W. Stockton was elected national grand commandress of the Court Order of Cyrenes, auxiliary of the Knights Templars.

Cyrene Grand Officers

At the sessions of the National Grand Court of Cyrenes, an auxiliary to the Knights Templars, held in Cincinnati, Ohio, last week, the following national grand officers were elected:

Commandres, Mrs. S. M. Stockton, Washington, D.C.; chief engineer, Harry E. Morrison Philadelphia Pa.; Martha Alice Saunders, Philadelphia, Pa.; Deputy chief engineer, H. N. Gregory, New York City; Magdalene, Charity Edwards, Philadelphia, Pa.; secretary, Clarissa C. Chapman, Washington, D.C.; treasurer, L. B. Hudson, New Jersey; Inspectress, Rose Bryant, Boston, Mass.; alteress, H. Davis, Philadelphia; senior shepherd, Maggie M. Nederman, Philadelphia, Pa.; junior shepherd, Frankie Upshur, Philadelphia, Pa.

Washingtonians Elected to High National and International Offices at Masonic Convention

Charles D. Freeman Re-Elected for Twenty-third Consecutive Term as Shrine Treasurer; Mrs. Stockton Honored; Minor Elected

By CLARENCE REED

The annual convention of all Masonic bodies and adoptive rites closed with a grand ball in the Cincinnati Music Hall, Friday night. The Conclave was held from August 15 to 20.

In the elections held by the Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine Charles D. Freeman of Washington, D. C. was re-elected for the twenty-third consecutive year as imperial treasurer.

The nomination address for Noble Freeman was made by John Wesley-Dobbs, right worshipful grand master of the jurisdiction of Georgia. In his address Grand Master Dobbs reviewed "the 40 years of service rendered the Masonic Craft by the little man in the house by the side of the road."

The applause was so great that Imperial Potentate John H. Murphy, Jr., required six minutes to make himself heard, to recognize the one noble out of the hundreds who rose simultaneously to second the nomination.

Tears filled his eyes, as Mr. Freeman arose and said: "My Brethern, I thank you for the privilege of serving you again!" Mr. Freeman is 75 years of age. He is employed in the District Court of Appeals, resides at 131 T Street, Northwest, and is the oldest active living Shriner in America.

Roy Elected

In the elections held for officers in the International Conference of Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, Louis Walter Roy, Grand Master of the District of Columbia was elected first vice president.

Roy resides at 658 Acker Street Northeast. He is treasurer of the Israel Baptist Church and is employed at the Government Printing Office.

Minor Re-Elected

For the eighth consecutive year or fourth consecutive time, Joseph Minor of Washington was elected grand master of the Grand Encampment of Knights in North and South America. Several other Washingitonans were elected to national offices in other branches of the craft.

Stockton Feted

One of the outstanding events of the conclave was the retirement of Mrs. Sallie Marshal-Stockton, Washington, D. C., from the office of imperial commandress of the Daughters of Isis. Mrs. Stockton has been imperial commandress for three years. She firmly declined to accept a fourth term. During her administrations, the Daughters of Isis have shown a large increase in membership and made more progress than under any other administrations.

When she retired, Mrs. Stockton was presented with gifts from scores of her co-workers.

Past Matron Clarissa Cooper Chapman of Gethsemane Chapter, Washington, D. C., was elected national grand secretary of the National Grand Court of Cyrenes. Mrs. Chapman is the wife of Grand Worthy Patron Addison W. Chapman. She is a member of the official board of the Asbury M. E. Church.

All elections and sessions were held in the Harriet Beecher Stowe High School. Cincinnati.

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Seeks Negro Shrine Site

Representative Arthur W Mitchell, only Negro member in Congress, today was on his way to Franklin County, Va., to purchase the ten-acre plot of ground that was the birthplace of the late Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

The land is to be used in the future as a shrine for the Negro race and will be presented to a memorial society supported by members of Tuskegee Institute. The cabin in which the Negro educator was born will be restored.

Order Holds Conclave In Cincinnati

Journal and Guide

Portsmouth Past Master Elected Vice President

9-11-37

CINCINNATI —(ANP)— Fred W. Dabney, well known fraternal leader of Kansas City, Mo., was reelected president of the International Conference of Grand Masters of the Masonic Order at their conclave held here. This is Mr. Dabney's third term. Other officers elected were Grand Master Louis W. Roy of Washington, first vice president; Past Grand Master John W. Barnes, Portsmouth, Va., second vice president; Past Grand Master Isaac M. Garner, West Va., treasurer; Grand Master John L. Hubert, Delaware, secretary, and Grand Master J. E. Fulford, Norfolk, Va., chaplain.

Other grand masters present were John W. Dobbs, of Georgia; Cornelius R. Richardson, Indiana; H. York Harrison, Michigan; Dr. George Marshall, New York; Homer L. Collins, Ohio; Samuel E. Jennings, Pennsylvania, and Dr. W. H. Perry, Sr., of Kentucky.

Also meeting here last week were the Imperial Council of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of which George H. Roy of Kansas City, Mo., was Imperial Second Ceremonial Master. Mr. Roy is Illustrious potentate of Allah Temple No. 6 in Kansas City.

Other orders in session were the grand encampment of Knights Templar, the Daughters of Isis, Mrs. T. Carter Brown, St. Louis, Mo., commandress; the International Council of Heroines of Jericho, the international conference of Order of the Eastern Star and the international conference of the Heroines of the Templars Crusade.

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Odd Fellows.

Texas S.C. Decision Will Affect Lodge Insurance

DALLAS, Texas— (ANP)— Declaring that endowment departments of fraternal societies are separate and distinct entities and that local or member lodges cannot abridge the Grand Lodge by-laws which govern endowment departments, the Texas State Supreme Court last week handed down a decision that will doubtless serve as a measuring rod for fraternal societies over the nation.

In the case at bar, the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows appealed to the Supreme Court from a decision of a Dallas court which had rendered judgment in favor of the widow of Anderson White, who was beneficiary on a $500 policy. The Grand Lodge, as plaintiff-in-error, pleaded that Oddfellow White was unfinancial because of failure to pay dues, that the endowment contract was therefore broken, and his widow not entitled to payment on the policy.

Mrs. White pleaded that according to the by-laws of the local lodge to which her husband belonged, members were exempted from the payment of dues during illness therefore her husband was financial at the time of his death and she was entitled to collect on his endowment policy. The Supreme Court denied her contention, reversed the decision of the lower court, rendered judgment in favor of the Grand Lodge, G. U. O. of O. F., declaring Oddfellow White was unfinancial and for that reason the endowment contract had been broken. The law firm of Mason and Mason represented the Grand Lodge.

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Supreme Grand Circle Royal Order of Menelik.

Two Norfolkians At Order Menelik Meet

Delegates from ten cities were present for the annual meeting of the Supreme Grand Circle Royal Order of Menelik and Princesses of Abyssinnia which met in Washington, D. C., on August 4-5, according to advices received here.

The sessions were held at the Turner A. M. E. Church in the capital city. 8-21-37

The delegates were present from Baltimore, Petersburg, Richmond, Washington, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Hampton, Suffolk, Lynchburg, Newport News and other Virginia cities. Norfolk

The annual meeting in August 1938 will be in Hampton, Va., it was decided. Delegates from Norfolk included Mrs. Almira Weldon and Mrs. Mamie E. Gordon representing Elizabeth Court No. 3. In the election of officers Lady Shorts of Richmond succeeded Mrs. Long of Washington, D. C. as Supreme Exalted Sovereign.

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United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten.

U.B.F. DECLARED BROKE, GOES TO RECEIVERS

Informer

3-6-37

Court Dissolves Well Known Fraternal Order

Houston Post

AUSTIN.—The United Brothers of Friendship of Texas, the well known fraternal organization headed by Grand Master Wm. Anderson of Smithville and a lodge which has existed in this state since the 80's was placed in the hands of a court appointed receiver here today.

Judge Roy C. Archer of the 126th district court placed the U. B. of F. into hands of a receiver at the request of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, William McCraw, who had filed a quo warranto suit, when forced by major creditors and financing concerns, who petitioned for intervention by the court. Their grounds were that the order is insolvent and without the means to meet its obligations.

Ed Joseph, white, Austin merchant, was appointed receiver of the order and Atty. Frank Holaday, of Dallas was named as his attorney.

Later in the day, Judge Archer also signed an order restraining the U. B. of F. from writing life insurance policies. The attorney general contended that such business on the part of the order was illegal, as it has no permit from the Texas Insurance Commission to do so.

The Austin lodge of the United Brothers of Friendship declined to make a statement for Informer publication, as to the future plans of the organization, as no official word had come down to them from Grand Master Anderson, or the grand odge at Houston.

HISTORIC COLORED FRATERNAL ORDER PASSES FROM RACE

Negro Informer

Eddie Joseph, white, of Austin, Texas, was appointed receiver for the United Brotners of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten this week. Mr. Joseph padlocked the offices of Grand Master W. M. Anderson and Grand Secretary A. Jackson at 409½ and 419½ Milam Street, respectively.

3-6-37

The tenants of the building formerly owned by the Grand Lodge were all excited when they saw two white men prying the locks off the door entrance to the grand secretary's office, and after entering returned with a package of papers. Some took them to be burglars. But after an inquiry by a representative of The Labor News, one of the men replied, that the grand lodge was in the hands of a receiver and he was taking charge. The receiver had tried to get in touch with the grand master and grand secretary.

Houston Post

Many citizens in Houston seem to be somewhat disappointed in the grand lodge going in the hands of the receiver. The lodge is one of the oldest race fraternities in the state. It was headed by Prof. W. F. Bledsoe of Marshall, until a few years ago when he was replaced as grand master by Prof. W. L. Davis of Houston. Soon after the replacing of Mr. Bledsoe, the lodge began to encounter difficulties in meeting its mortuary claims o r even to pay the taxes on the valuable property owned at Houston.

A loan of $25,000 was made on the property during the Davis' administration. The notes were never liquidated until the property was sold a few weeks ago.

Prof. Davis resigned and was succeeded by Prof. William W. N. Anderson of Smithville, Texas. It is reported that Mr. Anderson in his effort to save the lodge invested a considerable amount of personal funds in the order.

Prof. A. W. Jackson, formerly grand secretary of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, succeeded Prof. C. H. McGruder, who was for several years executive secretary of the order. He died in 1935.

The grand lodge disposed of the two buildings which is said to be the most valuable property owned by Negroes in this state.

It is reported that in consumating the deal the grand lodge officers received $5,000 in cash and some property at Dallas.

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United Brothers of Friendship and the Grand Temple Sisters of the Mysterious Ten of Missouri.

To Elect One Set of Officers for Men and Women

The consolidation of the grand lodge United Brothers of Friendship and the grand temple Sisters of the Mysterious Ten of Missouri and jurisdiction was the outstanding achievement of the opening day of the annual conventions Tuesday, May 11.

The merger of the two bodies which in the past have been operated separately but cooperatively was made in the interest of economy.

Instead of two sets of officers, only one will be elected. Thus, one treasurer will handle the accounts for both organizations, instead of one for each.

Consolidation Favorable

The consolidation was voted favorably upon at a joint business session held Tuesday, May 11, at the Centennial M. E. church.

The sixty-seventh annual meeting of the U. B. F. opened Tuesday morning at the U. B. F. hall, Fourteenth street and Michigan avenue. Grand Master W. Franklyn Clark, presiding.

The S. M. T. temple opened its fifty-fourth annual session Tuesday morning at the Centennial M. E. church, Mrs. Clara E. Adams, grand princess, presiding.

Election of officers in a joint session was scheduled for Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Anna G. Roberts was reelected for her third term as grand queen of the Grand Royal House which held its thirty-second annual session Monday, May 10.

Welcome Held Tuesday

The welcome program was held Tuesday night at the Centennial church with Mrs. Meliccie R. Eskridge as mistress of ceremonies.

Welcome addresses were delivered by Thomas Gershon, assistant city counsellor, on behalf of the city; the Rev. T. H. Wiseman, on behalf of the church; N. S. Adkins, on behalf of business; Mrs. E. Hilliard Young on behalf of the temple and the Rev. L. E. Mathis of Lawrence on behalf of the lodges.

Responses were made by the Rev. C. R. McDowell to the Rev. Mr. Wiseman's address; C. H. Calloway to Mr. Gershon's talk; Duke Diggs of Jefferson City to Mr. Adkins' address; Mrs. Wilma Lewis of Columbia in response to Mrs. Young's speech and John Carter of Lexington in response to the welcome of the Rev. Mr. Mathis.

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School Fraternities.

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F. D. Sends Greetings to Kappa Delegates in Annual Conclave

Washington Alumni and Xi Chapters Hosts to 400 Delegates at Howard University; Founder Presented Laurel Wreath

Led by President Roosevelt whose greting was read to delegates on Sunday, local fraternal, church, civic and social organizations welcomed delegtes to the twenty-sixth annual conclave of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, which opened at Howard University Sunday, and will close tonight (Wednesday).

The President's message was read to the 400 delegates assembled for the public meeting in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, Sunday afternoon, by Judge Armond W. Scott, of District Municipal Court, who welcomed the visitors on behalf of the District.

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Sigmas Meet In New York

Phi Beta Sigma's Twenty-second Annual Meeting To Be Held Sunday

NEW YORK City—The Twenty-second annual conclave of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was begun [illegible] Sunday, December 27 and will last through Wednesday, December 30. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, sister organization of the fraternity, is also holding its annual [illegible] in New York at the same [illegible] and this year's meeting of the two organizations being termed a conclave-boule. Preparations were made to entertain more than 1,000 delegates and visiting brothers from all sections of the country.

Busines To Be Stressed

According to Jesse W. Lewis, national preident, the major time and attention of the conclave will be devoted to business. Among the important matters scheduled for action are expanding the service of the organization, finding ways and means to overcome the handicaps confronting the Negro in America, expanding its bigger and better Negro business and social actions program, the fostering of national and state legislation to secure equal opportunity for employment of Negroes in government service and the breaking down of educational, political and other barriers which prevent the Negro from enjoying a more abundant life.

Newly elected officers of the fraternity are:

Grand polemarch, Theophilus M. Mann, Chicago; senior grand vice polemarch, Dr. William J. Washington; junior vice polemarch, William C. Haynes, Atlanta; grand strategus, Clifford Officers

Kappas Hit Lynching at Conclave; Name Officers

WASHINGTON — Resolutions urging the passage of an anti-lynching bill and the abolition of the photograph system for civil service applicants were passed at the twenty-sixth annual conclave of Kappa Alpha Psi, which was in session here Beacham, Morehouse College, Atlanta; grand strategus, Clifford

Among the delegation from Washington are: William A. Baltimore, W. S. Henson, Dr. B. E. Early, Prof. Charles G. Williams, Dr. John A. Turner, Attorney George A. Parker, Dr. W. A. Goodloe, C. B. Ingram, Charles Locke, A. L. Taylor, founder of the fraternity; Jesse W. Lewis, national president, and a large number from the undergraduate chapter

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Phi Beta Sigma's Twenty-second Annual Meeting To Be Held Sunday

NEW YORK City—The Twenty-second annual conclave of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was begun here Sunday, December 27 and will last through Wednesday, December 30. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, sister organization of the fraternity, is also holding its annual conclave in New York at the same time and this year's meeting of the two organizations is being featured as a conclave-boule. Preparations were made to entertain more than 1,000 delegates and visiting brothers from all sections of the country.

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By EDGAR T. ROUZEAU

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In an address to the joint convention of the Sigma Fraternity and the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, delivered in the Mother A. M. E. Zion Church, he aired the view that the Negro still remains the test of American justice, chivalry and fair play, but gave it as his opinion that the Negro could help considerably to determine his own status in the American scheme of things by commanding respect in the upbuilding of a strong economic background.

"Career of Service"

The president urged his hearers to "devote your trained minds to the immense and lucrative possibilities that await you in the field of business." He added the warning that "the road to success in any other field is steep."

The Rt. Rev. James W. Brown, Bishop of the A. M. E. Church, expressed his disappointment in the small number of college-trained men and women who have taken an active interest in the church. He said that good character was essential in the upbuilding of an economic structure and that the church was the most fertile field for this type of work.

Julia West Hamilton of Washington, D. C., introduced as the president of the only independent colored Y. W. C. A. in the country, was strongly convinced that a career of service is more important that one devoted to the acquisition of wealth. She called upon those present to serve the race so "that the progress of the next 70 years will be compatible with the progress of the last 70."

Other speakers were: Magistrate Myles A. Paige, Attorney James W. Johnson and Iris Holder.

Mme. Evanti Honored

Two thousand Zeta and Sigma members including 450 delegates attended the opening session at which Madame Evanti, noted singer of Washington, was made honorary member.

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Considerable interest was evidenced in prospective candidates for the post of president and secretary-treasurer of Phi Beta Sigma. C. D. King, local realtor; Attorney J. W. Johnson, W. D. Allimono, Dr. R. A. Billings, Atlanta, and Dr. C. L. Roberts, are prominent among the candidates for president.

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Kappa Alpha Psi Conclude 4-Day Conference

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Chief of the social events for the conclave was the closed banquet Tuesday night in the Howard gymnasium at which George E. C. Haynes and Bernard S. Jefferson, professors of law, Mr. Wilkins and Mr. and Mann were the principal speakers, each in turn stressing the purposeful role that the fraternity should pay in the next twenty-five years of its life. Punctuating the speeches and eating was the singing of their alma mater songs by graduates of the several leading institutions of learning, north and south.

KAPPA DELEGATES BACK

A. A. Reid, of Atlanta University, official delegate for the Atlanta Alumni chapter; William Beacham, official delegate for Pi chapter at Morehouse College; Prof. V. C. Clinch, Dr. X. L. Neal, Edwin Driskell, and Albert Myers, all of Atlanta are back from the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity twenty-sixth annual conclave.

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Reads Roosevelt's Greetings

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Elected last year, Judge Scott was cited for his years of struggle in the interest of "the down-trodden masses;" for his perseverence to go forward, "regardless of reverses," for the high position he fills upon appointment by President Roosevelt, and for his faithful service to the fraternity.

Atty. Theophilus W. Mann, grand polemarch of the fraternity, made the investment address, after which the diamond-studded laurel wreath was placed on the militant jurist. Judge Scott is the seventh person to wear the wreath in the twenty-seven years existence of the fraternity.

Mayor Harold H. Burton opened the meeting, in which he stressed the breakdown of lines and barriers which have resulted from the invention of airplanes, radios and other facilities for doing out space and distance. Earlier in the day, the Rev. Joseph Gomez, pastor of St. James A.M.E. church, preached the annual sermon in which he criticised those who deplore the emotionalism of the uneducated Negro without doing anything about it.

"Harness that emotionalism" he thundered, "and use this greatest gift of the Negro to our advantage not to keep us apart but to push us forward."

Sunday was also marked by a radio address by the grand polemarch over the regular "National Negro Hour" of WGAR. Speaking on "Negro Education," Mr. Mann said that while the fraternities are classed as social organizations, they "have also interested themselves in the many problems of the colored people of these United States." Some of these problems he pointed out to be inadequate provisions for the education of Negro children in many states; denial of civil rights, and opportunity to work.

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A. Taylor, general chairman of the arrangement committee.

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He urged that the conclave be made "the most constructive in our history thus far" in the name of Him who first taught that 'Thou are thy brother's keeper."

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ATTORNEY NAT'L PREXY OF ZETAS

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Pin To Atlantan

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SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY IN 11TH BOULE

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Delegates representing the various chapters throughout the country held daily sessions at the Mayo-Underwood school, local headquarters. Soror Ethel Garner, basileus of Lambda Sigma was in direct charge of entertainment and arrangements and was ably assisted by the co-chairman, Soror Willya Conda.

The eleventh annual boule will go down in the history of Sigma as one whose outstanding feature was that of business.

Mrs. Maine Brock Addresses The Body

Soror Martha Williams Walker of Lambda Sigma chapter acted as mistress of ceremony for the most interesting public meeting that Sigma has yet had. The highlights of the public meeting Sunday evening at St. John's AME church were the welcome addresses of the various sororities and fraternities, Race business, city, churches and President Atwood of Kentucky State college. Soror Bertha M. Black, grand basileus, gave the response to the welcomes. Soror Willya Conda introduced the speaker of the evening in the person of Mrs. Maine Brock, secretary of the Louisville YWCA.

MISS BERTHA BLACK

The executive board meeting was held Monday morning at Soror Ethel Garner's home, 227 East Second street. Delegates registered at the Mayo-Underwood school.

During the morning session candle light service in honor of the departed sorors was conducted by Soror Martha Williams Walker of Lambda Sigma chapter. Those who passed during the year were Soror Josephine Kelly, Louisville, Ky.; Bessie Jones, French Lick, Ind.; Elsie Breeding and Mary Davis, Chicago.

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Election of Officers

All officers holding major offices were elected unanimously. Soror Bertha M. Black of Zeta Sigma, of St. Louis, Mo., was reelected for the third time.

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The Grand Basileus, Attorney Violette N. Anderson of Chicago Ill., was unanimously re-elected; Miss E. Mae Morgan of Raleigh N. C., first anti-basileus; Mrs Nellie B. Rogers of Indianapolis Ind., second anti-basileus; Miss Helene K. Wilson of Dallas, Tex., grammateus; Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin of Chicago, Ill., tamiouches; Mrs. Antoinette Bowler of Richmond, Va., jerverler; Miss Fannie C. Clay of Knoxville, Tennessee, parliamentarian; Miss Beatrice S. Catlett of Washington, D. C., chairman of scholarship fund, and Miss Grace Collins of Washington, D. C., chairman of the executive board.

For the first time in their history, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity met in the same place and held social activities jointly.

AKA Sorors Gather From California To New York At Boule

Cleveland's First Woman Principal Is Among Chief Speakers

1-9-37

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Sorors from New York to California gathered here last week at the 19th annual Boule of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, held at historic old Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church, of which the Rev. Revedy C. Ransom, Jr., is pastor.

The representative of the mayor Soror C. Russell Harris, director of the South Eastern Region of the A. K. A., Dean Rufus E. Clement of the Louisville Municipal College Soror Eva Mae Glass, Dr. P. O. Sweeney, Miss Bessie Scott, G. W. Jackson, W. C. Buford, Miss Harriet LeForrest and James A. Redd delivered short addresses in which the cultural achievements of the sorority were emphasized.

Soror Ida L. Jackson of Oakland, Calif., Supreme Basileus of the sorority made the response.

Soror Hazel Mountain Walker of Cleveland, Ohio, a practicing lawyer, and the first colored woman to be elevated to the position of principal of a school in Cleveland was the principal speaker.

Soror Ella Pearl Mitchell of Cleveland, Dr. Dorothy B. Ferebee of Washington, D. C., director of the A. K. A. Mississippi health project and Soror Ethel Edgemond Lyle of Philadelphia, the founder of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority were present. Other outstanding sorors were Maudelle Bousefield of Chicago; Ruth Handy, Supreme Grammateus, Zelma Watson, Irene Baxter of Philadelphia; Virginia Toles, librarian, of Talladega College and Mary Elizabeth Johnson, of Talladega.

The Boule closed with a banquet and dance in the Allen Hotel, Wednesday night.

At the banquet the following officers were installed: Supreme Basileus, Margaret Davis Bowen New Orleans; first anti-basileus Maude E. Brown, Louisville, second anti-basileus; Beulah Whitby, Detroit, supreme grammateus; Ruth Handy, New York, anti-grammateus; Ethel Bellinger, Pittsburgh, Episloleus; Irma Clarke, Chicago, Tamiochus; Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, Philadelphia, Editor-in-chief; C. Elizabeth Johnson, Louisville, Regional Director. Regional Directors: Edna O. Gray, Baltimore; Viola Chaplain, Greensboro, N. C.; Wilberetta Pope, Cleveland; Alice McGee, St. Louis; Helen Finley, Wichita, Kans.; C. Russell Harris, Nashville; M. Viola Butler, Houston; Ursala Adams, Los Angeles.

MARGARET BOWEN NEW A. K. A. HEAD

Health Project Report Highlight of Boule

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 10.—The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, closing its nineteenth annual boule here last Wednesday, elected Margaret Davis Bowen of New Orleans as its supreme basileus, to succeed Ida L. Jackson of Oakland, who has headed the group for the past two years.

The highlight of the confab was the report of the Mississippi health project by Dorothy Boulding Ferebee of Washington, the medical director of the project. Clinics were held in towns and on plantations from August 20 to September 2, 1936, and complete records were made for each patient.

Opening Meeting.

At the opening meeting at Quinn Chapel, of which the Rev. Beverly J. Ransom, Jr., is pastor, Maude E. Brown, chairman of the 1936 Alpha Kappa Alpha boule tea and chairman of the Pan-Hellenic Council, served as mistress of ceremonies.

The representative of the mayor; Soror C. Russell Harris, director of the Southeastern region of the A. K. A.; Dean Rufus E. Clement of the Louisville Municipal College, Soror Eva Mae Glass, Dr. P. O. Sweeney, Miss Bessie Scott, G. W. Jackson, W. C. Buford, Miss Harriet Le Forrest and James A. Redd delivered short but telling welcoming addresses, in which the cultural achievements of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority were emphasized.

Soror Ida L. Jackson of Oakland, Calif., now working for her doctorate in New York City, the supreme basileus of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, made the response to the addreses of welcome.

Hazel M. Walker Speaks.

Soror Hazel Mountain Walker of Cleveland, Ohio, a practicing lawyer, singer, a member of the Gilpin Players and the first colored woman to be elevated to the position of principal of a colored school in Cleveland, Ohio, was presented as the principal speaker. Her theme was "Race Building," and she stressed the economic, cultural and political advancement of the race.

Soror Ella Pearl Mitchel of Cleveland, Ohio.; Dr. Dorothy B. Ferrebee of Washington, D. C., director of the A. K. A. Mississippi health project, and Soror Ethel Edgemond Lyle of Philadelphia, Pa., the founder of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, were presented to the audience.

Other outstanding sorors attending the boule are Maudelle Bousefield of Chicago, Ill.; Ruth Handy, supreme grammation; Zelma Watson; Irene Baxter of Philadelphia, Penn.; Virginia Toles, librarian of Talladega College, and Mary Elizabeth Johnson, a Talledega College graduate.

The hostess and co-hostess officials were Mrs. C. Russell Harris, director Southeastern Region; Miss Helen C. Yancey, basileus, Eta Omega Chapter; Miss Fern Buchanon, basileus, Beta Epsilon Chapter, and Miss Maude E. Brown, and Soror Carolyn S. Blanton, chairman of the committee of place, meeting and social. Miss Elizabeth Johnson, libraian of Central High and anti-baselius, is director of publicity.

New Officers.

Other officers installed for the ensuing term at the closing banquet on the final night of the boule were Maude E. Brown of Louisville, first anti-basileus; Beulah Whitby of Detroit, second anti-basileus; Ruth Handy of New York, supreme grammateus; Ethel Bellinger of Pittsburgh, anti-grammateus; Irma Clarke of Chicago, epistoleus; Ethel Hedgeman Lyle of Philadelphia, Tamiochous; C. Elizabeth Johnson of Louisville, editor of the Ivy Leaf. Edna O. Gray of Baltimore, Viola Chaplain of Greensboro, N. C., Ruth Wilberetta Pope of Cleveland, Alice McGee of St. Louis, Helen Finley of Witchita, Kans., C. Russell Harris of Nashville, M. Violet Butler of Houston and Ursala Adams of Los Angeles were appointed regional directors.